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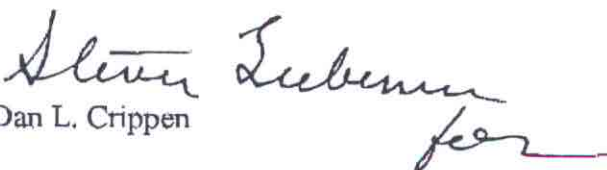
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Honorable David Dreier
Chairman
Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6269

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that H.R. 4954, as amended by the Johnson/Bilirakis substitute, would increase direct spending by \$5.0 billion in 2003 and \$349 billion over the 2003-2012 period. CBO staff have not completed review of the legislative language of the amendment so that the estimate is preliminary and subject to revision upon such review.

Sincerely,


Dan L. Crippen

cc: Honorable Martin Frost, Ranking Member, Committee on Rules

Honorable William "Bill" Thomas, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee
Honorable Charles Rangel, Ranking Member, Ways and Means Committee

Honorable William "Billy" Tauzin, Chairman, Energy and Commerce Committee
Honorable John Dingell, Ranking Member, Energy and Commerce Committee.